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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop PCT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-145

Charlotte, North Carolina June 14, 2005

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified PCT patent application as follows to bring it into conformance with United States national stage filing requirements:

Amendments to the Specification are provided beginning on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on Page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 7 of this paper.